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Montgomery County Resident Charged on 17 Counts of Animal Cruelty

Derwood, MD – Montgomery County resident, Robert Curry Sr. of Rockville, MD has been charged on 17 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty. Curry is accused of failing to provide water, shelter, food, and vet care for his seven horses.

On July 10th, 2014, a Field Service Officer from the Montgomery County Animal Services Division (ASD) responded to the 19100th block of Martinsburg Rd., Dickerson, MD for an anonymous complaint about neglected horses.

Upon arrival, the officer found the horses in various states of neglect and suffering. One horse was described to be, “skin and bones” – emaciated and covered in sores and fly bites.” None of the horses were provided with water.

Montgomery County gained full custody of the horses when Curry defaulted on his pre-pay agreement. As a result of the severe neglect, one horse died. The remaining horses have had their hoof and dental issues treated and are steadily regaining weight. Days End Farm Horse Rescue has taken custody of the thoroughbred mare and is currently evaluating her for adoption placement. The other five horses are still in care of the county and are being housed at Paradise Stables in Mt. Airy, MD. ASD staff is currently working on placing the remaining horses with rescue groups.

Curry was arrested on July 31st and is currently out on bail, awaiting trial.

The Montgomery County Animal Services’ Field Service Division, comprised of 16 full-time Field Service Officers and one Cruelty Investigator, has investigated over 640 complaints of animal cruelty since January of this year. To report animal cruelty and neglect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call 301.279.8000.

About the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center:

The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC), operated by the Department of Police, Animal Services Division, provides high-standard sheltering and care to the homeless, abused, and neglected animals in our community and ensures the safety and welfare of the county’s citizens. We are the county's only open-admissions, municipal shelter.

Through adoptions, spay and neuter assistance, vaccination clinics, education and outreach, the Center serves as a critical community resource to promote and advocate for responsible pet care. Animal Services Officers are on-call seven days a week to investigate citizen complaints and respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day.

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